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House Bill No.HJR0028 By Jones

A RESOLUTION to honor the waiters of the Rendezvous restaurant for their service to Memphis, Tennessee

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Assembly pay tribute to those exemplary business establishments and it's employees who have tirelessly given of themselves, their time and talents, to provide a reliable service to the community and state; and

WHEREAS, the Rendezvous owned by Charles Vergos of downtown Memphis, Tennessee is one such outstanding establishment; and

WHEREAS, in a small space consisting of only 30 tables, the Rendezvous open for business in 1954, employing a very limited staff with aspirations of becoming one of the most popular restaurants in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, now located at 52 South Second, with a host of waiters, the Rendezvous enjoys the notoriety of being a premier restaurant that has provided service to individuals throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, This phenomenal organization's enumeration of clients has consisted of celebrities such as, John Kennedy, Jr., Diana Ross, Keith Richards, Chuck Connors, Kenny Rogers, Bruce Jenner, Rich Little, Pat Boone, Michael Jackson, Vincent Price and Cybill Shephard; and

WHEREAS, The Rendezvous has 14 regular waiters, who, with expertise and exactness, can take orders from a number of customers without writing and remember every item in complete detail; and

WHEREAS, legendary waiters, such as those at the Rendezvous, take pride in rendering flawless service, attempting to leave in the minds of their customers a lasting image of quality service; and

WHEREAS, the 14 regular waiters are: Percy Norris, Jack Dyson, Albert Hurt, Tim Norris, Robert Earl Stewart, Robert Kenneth Stewart, Charles Yates, Lonnie Yates, Geno Hall, Mark Ford, Aolar Stinson, Larry Fentress, Louis Woodard and Jan Nolan; and

WHEREAS, despite the many differing attitudes of customers, the Rendezvous' staff displays consummate professionalism in serving more than 2,000 people on a busy night; and

WHEREAS, The Rendezvous waiters were honored by the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau, and given certificates for their outstanding service and contributions to the city of Memphis and the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize the Rendezvous and it's staff for their outstanding service and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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